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APPLICANTS : Shimkets *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/715,417 EXAMINER : R. Hutson
FILING DATE : November 16, 2000 ART UNIT : 1652
FOR : NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.);
2. Check No. 17199 in the amount of \$205.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2); and
3. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 15966-606 (Cura-106). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Dated: September 22, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003 in the above-identified application. A Divisional Application is being filed on this day, which claims the benefit of the instant application. With the extension, a response is due on or before September 22, 2003. Check No. 17199 in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-606 (Cura-106). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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